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SUBJ: REPRESENTATION TO ENCOURAGE SUPPORT FOR SADAT OF EGYPT

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1. FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL I MET FOR HOUR THIS AFTER-
NOON WITH NICHOLAS NG'ANG'A, PERMANENT SECRETARY KENYAN
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TO DISCUSS RECENT SADAT INITIATIVE
AND REQUEST KENYAN GOVERNMENT ENDORSEMENT AND PUBLIC EXPRESSION
OF SUPPORT FOR SAME. FOREIGN MINISTER WAIYAKI IS REGRETTABLY
OUT OF NAIROBI AND WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO BE CONTACTED UNTIL NEXT
WEEK.

2. PERMANENT SECRETARY SHARES FULLY OUR HOPE THAT APPARENTLY
BOLD INITIATIVE BY PRESIDENT SADAT WILL ULTIMATELY RESULT IN
BRINGING GREATER UNDERSTANDING AND FLEXIBILITY AMONG ARABS AND
ISRAELIS IN THEIR COMMON SEARCH FOR PEACEFUL ACCOMMODATION IN
MIDDLE EAST. PERMSEC HOWEVER INFORMED ME THAT HIS GOVERN-
MENT COULD NOT REACT PUBLICLY TO SADAT INITIATIVE AT THIS
TIME BECAUSE AS YET HIS GOVERNMENT KNEW TOO LITTLE ABOUT
SADAT'S PROPOSED ACTION AND WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WHETHER
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OR NOT THE PLANNED VISIT TO ISRAEL WAS A CREFULLY THOUGHT OUT
MOVE BY SADAT OR A SPECTACULAR BUT RASH DECISION. THE
PERMSEC INFORMED ME THAT THIS UNCERTAINTY WAS DEEPENED WHEN
PRIME MINISTER FAHMY AND HIS DEPUTY, WHO HAVE ALWAYS BEEN
CONSIDERED AS RESPONSIBLE AND MODERATE EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS,
RESIGNED THEIR POSTS IN APPARENT DISAGREEMENT WITH PRESIDENT
SADAT'S ACTION. THE PERMSEC SAID HE WAS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED

THAT IF PRESIDENT SADAT'S ACTION WAS NOT FULLY SUPPORTED
WITHIN HIS OWN GOVERNMENT AND OTHER IMPORTANT POWER CENTERS
IN THE ARAB WORLD AND ULTIMATELY HAD LITTEL TANGIBLE RESULTS,
ARAB FRUSTRATION OVER A PURPOSELESS GESTURE MIGHT USHER IN
A MORE DANGEROUS PERIOD IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

3. IN BRIEF THE PERMSEC APPEARED HIGHLY SKEPTICAL THAT
PRESIDENT SADAT'S INITIATIVE WAS A FULLY THOUGHT OUT MOVE
WITH CLEAR OBJECTIVES. AT THE SAME TIME HE EXPRESSED THE
HOPE THAT AS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BECAME AVAILABLE TO HIS
GOVERNMENT THE FULL MEANING AND PRECISE PURPOSE OF THE SADAT
VISIT WOULD BECOME CLEARER AND A FIRM BASIS WOULD EXIST FOR
HIS GOVERNMENT TO COME FORTH WITH FULL PUBLIC ENDORSEMENT OF
PRESIDENT SADAT'S APPARENT COURAGEOUS STEP.
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